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4 MARKUP OF H.R. 1067, TO ENACT TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE,
5 PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND
6 ORGANIZES, AS POSITIVE LAW;
7 H.R. 1068, TO ENACT TITLE 54, UNITED STATES CODE, NATIONAL
8 PARK SYSTEM, AS POSITIVE LAW;
9 H.R. 258, THE STOLEN VALOR ACT OF 2013, AND
10 H.R. 1073, THE NUCLEAR TERRORISM CONVENTIONS IMPLEMENTATION
11 AND SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION ACT OF 2013
12 Thursday, March 14, 2013
13 House of Representatives
14 Committee on the Judiciary
15 Washington, D.C.

16 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:09 a.m., in
17 Room 2141, Rayburn Office Building, Hon. Bob Goodlatte

18 [chairman of the committee] presiding.

19 Present: Representatives Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner,
20 Issa, Conyers, Scott, and Jackson Lee.

21 Staff present: Shelley Husband, Majority Staff
22 Director; Branden Ritchie, Deputy Chief of Staff; Allison
23 Halataei, Parliamentarian; Kelsey Deterding, Clerk; Perry
24 Apelbaum, Minority Staff Director; and Danielle Brown,
25 Minority Parliamentarian.

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27 Chairman Goodlatte. Good morning. The Judiciary will
28 come to order. And there is a working quorum present, and
29 pursuant to notice, I now call up H.R. 1067 for purposes of
30 markup. And the clerk will report the bill.

31 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 1067, to --

32 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill will be
33 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

34 [The information follows:]

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36 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing
37 myself and the ranking member for opening statements.

38 Congress has charged the Office of the Law Revision
39 Counsel with the ongoing responsibility of preparing a
40 complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the laws
41 of the United States.

42 The committee has jurisdiction over law revision bills,
43 and the Law Revision Council has provided us with bill
44 language for the two codification bills that we will mark up
45 today. H.R. 1067 makes technical revisions to Title 36, the
46 title governing patriotic observances and ceremonies to keep
47 the title current and make technical corrections and
48 improvements. This bill is identical to the version the
49 House passed last year, which was not acted upon by the
50 Senate.

51 H.R. 1067 is an important bill because it ensures that
52 the U.S. Code is up to date and usable. For these reasons, I
53 urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

54 And I now recognize the gentleman from Michigan, Mr.
55 Conyers, for his opening statement.

56 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Chairman.

57 H.R. 1067 was prepared by the Office of Law Revision

58 Council as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C.
59 Section 285(b) to prepare and submit to the Committee on the
60 Judiciary, one title at a time, a complete compilation,
61 restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws
62 of the United States.

63 This bill gathers provisions relating to patriotic and
64 national observances and ceremonies, patriotic and national
65 organizations, and treaty obligation organizations under the
66 current Title 36. The amendments strike the existing
67 abbreviated table of contents of the title and insert a more
68 comprehensive title-wide table of contents, update the format
69 of chapter headings of reserved chapters, and make other
70 necessary technical corrections.

71 H.R. 1067 is not intended to make any substantive
72 changes in the law. As is typical with the codification
73 process, a number of non-substantive revisions are made,
74 including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent
75 overall structure. But these changes are not intended to
76 have any substantive effect.

77 I am pleased to join with the chairman and urge my
78 colleagues to support this legislation, particularly because
79 of the strong bipartisan support that has been gathered for

80 it.

81 Thank you, and I yield back.

82 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman. Are there
83 any amendments to H.R. 1067?

84 If not, the chair would call for a vote on reporting the
85 bill favorably to the House.

86 Those in favor will say aye?

87 Those opposed, no?

88 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it, and
89 members will have 2 days to submit their views. Oh, yeah,
90 right, and the bill is ordered reported favorably.

91 Members will have 2 days to submit their views.

92 [The information follows:]

93

94 Chairman Goodlatte. We will now turn to H.R. 1068. And
95 pursuant to notice, I call up H.R. 1068 for purposes of
96 markup.

97 The clerk will report the bill.

98 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 1068, to enact Title 54, United
99 States Code, National Park Service and related programs as
100 positive law.

101 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill will be
102 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

103 [The information follows:]

104

105 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing
106 myself and the ranking member for opening statements.

107 H.R. 1068 enacts laws related to the National Park
108 System in a new Title 54. Until now, laws relating to the
109 organization and management of the National Park System have
110 been classified as part of Title 16, Conservation, and not in
111 one distinct place, but rather dispersed throughout the
112 title. Over time, these code classifications have become
113 very cumbersome to use.

114 H.R. 1068 gathers provisions relating to the National
115 Park System and restates them as a new positive law title of
116 the United States Code. H.R. 1068 includes minor changes
117 relative to the version passed last Congress because
118 additional laws regarding the National Park System have been
119 enacted since then. However, all changes made by H.R. 1068
120 are purely technical in nature.

121 Like H.R. 1067, H.R. 1068 will ensure that the U.S. Code
122 is up to date, accurate, and usable, and for these reasons I
123 urge my colleagues to support this bill.

124 And I turn now to the gentleman from Michigan, Mr.
125 Conyers, for his opening statement.

126 Mr. Conyers. Thank you again, Chairman Goodlatte, and

127 my remarks are similar to that of the previous piece of
128 legislation.

129 We are doing much the same thing. I just wanted to
130 point out that in the 111th Congress, I along with then
131 Ranking Member Lamar Smith introduced H.R. 6161, which would
132 have enacted Title 54 into positive law. We re-introduced
133 the bill in the 112th Congress. It was reported favorably by
134 the committee and passed the House.

135 As in both Congresses, the bill is non-controversial and
136 has strong bipartisan support.

137 Since the mid-19th century, numerous relating to the
138 organization and management of the National Park System by
139 the National Park Service have been enacted. These laws have
140 been codified in scattered sections in Title 16 of the United
141 States Code. And in addition as laws relating to the Park
142 System were amended, the new laws were enacted pertaining to
143 these provisions. The Code classifications have become
144 cumbersome to use.

145 H.R. 1068 is not intended to make any substantive
146 changes in the law. As is typical with the codification
147 process, a number of non-substantive revisions are often
148 made, including reorganization of sections into a more

149 coherent overall structure. But these changes are not
150 intended to have any substantive effect.

151 I thank the chairman for his cooperation in bringing the
152 bill before the committee today and urge its support. Thank
153 you.

154 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the ranking member.

155 Are there any amendments?

156 Hearing none, the question is on reporting the bill
157 favorably to the House.

158 Those in favor, say aye?

159 Those opposed, no?

160 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported
161 favorably.

162 Members will have 2 days to submit views.

163 [The information follows:]

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165 Chairman Goodlatte. We are now going to skip to H.R.
166 1073, the Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and
167 Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2013.

168 Pursuant to notice, I call up the bill, and the clerk
169 will report the bill.

170 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 1073, to amend Title 18, United
171 States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation
172 and prevention of nuclear terrorism.

173 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill is
174 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

175 [The information follows:]

176

177 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will recognize myself and the
178 ranking member for opening statements.

179 H.R. 1073 of the Nuclear Terrorism Conventions
180 Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2013
181 is bipartisan legislation to ratify certain provisions of 4
182 multilateral counterterrorism treaties. Similar legislation
183 was unanimously forwarded by the committee and passed by the
184 House by voice vote last Congress.

185 Terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass
186 destruction do not recognize international boundaries. These
187 treaties are important tools to fight against terrorism.
188 Each one builds on an existing treaty to which the United
189 States is a party.

190 The treaties and this legislation complement important
191 U.S. priorities to prevent nuclear terrorism, counter
192 proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and
193 counterterrorism initiatives. Enacting this implementing
194 legislation will reinforce the United States' leadership role
195 in promoting these and other counterterrorism treaties, and
196 will likely prompt other countries to join.

197 In addition to bolstering broad security and
198 proliferation prevention goals, these protocols help to

199 promote implementation of certain sanctions against rogue
200 regimes that are hostile to U.S. interests.

201 The previous Administration strongly supported approval
202 of these agreements, which have already received Senate
203 advice and consent. The current Administration wants to
204 advance this legislation so the United States maintains its
205 leadership role in counter nuclear proliferation efforts and
206 in terrorism prevention.

207 Advancing this legislation strengthens international
208 cooperation and information sharing as it relates to
209 international terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass
210 destruction.

211 I am pleased to be an original co-sponsor of this
212 bipartisan legislation and would like to thank Chairman
213 Sensenbrenner for his leadership on this effort. I would
214 also like to thank Ranking Member Conyers and Ranking Member
215 Scott for their contribution to this important legislation.

216 I urge my colleagues to join in favorably reporting H.R.
217 1073 from the committee today.

218 And I now recognize the gentleman from Michigan, Mr.
219 Conyers, for his statement.

220 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There seems to

221 be a great deal of cooperation in the air. I also join the 2
222 gentlemen that have helped bring this forward, Jim
223 Sensenbrenner and Bobby Scott, for holding hearings on this
224 important legislation last Congress, and for their continued
225 leadership on the issue.

226 This measure, Nuclear Terrorism Conventions
227 Implementation and Safety Act, is designed to implement f4
228 multilateral counterterrorism treaties, each an important
229 update to existing international law.

230 Our country signed each of these treaties in 2005. The
231 Senate unanimously passed resolutions of advice and consent
232 on all of them in 2008. Nevertheless, we cannot ratify these
233 agreements until Congress amends the Federal Criminal Code to
234 bring it in line with our new obligations.

235 H.R. 1073 does just that. It amends Title 18 of the
236 Code to explicitly prohibit acts of terrorism involving
237 radioactive material, provide new security requirements for
238 the use and storage of nuclear materials, and address the use
239 of ships and offshore platforms in terrorist attacks.

240 With the cooperation of the Department of Justice, the
241 bill is also free of proposed language that seemed entirely
242 to us outside the scope of underlying treaties. For example,

243 the Administration's original proposal expanded the scope of
244 conduct subject to the death penalty, including new wiretap
245 predicates, and authorized the President to conduct similar
246 agreements in the future without congressional approval.

247 These controversial provisions are not necessary in
248 order to implement the underlying treaties, and I am grateful
249 for the spirit of cooperation in which the bill before us has
250 been drafted. Bobby Scott, once again, of Virginia was very
251 important on this particular provision. He insisted upon it,
252 and carried the day with it. We thank him.

253 The resulting bipartisan proposal has the full backing
254 of the Obama Administration, is virtually identical to a bill
255 that passed by voice vote in this committee and House last
256 Congress. And accordingly, I urge all the members to support
257 the bill.

258 And I yield back the balance of my time. Thank you.

259 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman.

260 The chair now recognizes the sponsor of the legislation
261 and chairman of our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism,
262 Homeland Security, and Investigations, Mr. Sensenbrenner, for
263 his opening for his statement.

264 Mr. Sensenbrenner. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

265 I am pleased to join with you and the ranking members of both
266 the full and subcommittees in introducing this bill. It is
267 bipartisan. It is the result of months of work by both the
268 majority and minority committee staff and the cooperation of
269 the Departments of Justice and State.

270 The legislation implements obligations of important
271 international agreements that improve our efforts to protect
272 the United States from terrorist attacks, specifically
273 against attacks using weapons of mass destruction or
274 terrorism involving ships or maritime platforms. Full
275 ratification of the underlying treaties will not be achieved
276 unless the Congress amends existing criminal provisions of
277 the United States Code.

278 Last Congress, the subcommittee held a hearing on these
279 issues and the need for the legislation. Witnesses from the
280 Departments of Justice and State explained the importance of
281 the 4 underlying agreements, 2 of which concern nuclear and
282 radiological materials, and the sabotage of nuclear
283 facilities, and the protection of nuclear facilities and
284 materials used for peaceful purposes. The other 2 treaties
285 relate to the use or targeting of ships or maritime platforms
286 as a part of a terrorist attack, the transporting of certain

287 materials by ship for terrorist purposes, then the
288 transporting of terrorists by ship, among other things.

289 As the witnesses at our hearing explained, to combat
290 these threats effectively, we need not only to complete a
291 domestic legal framework, but also a broad international
292 legal framework to facilitate international cooperation.

293 Existing law may cover certain obligations under the
294 treaties, but in order to fully and ultimately ratify them,
295 parties to the agreements are required to criminalize certain
296 conduct and to fulfill extradition requirements and other
297 obligations relating to international cooperation.

298 The treaties themselves were modified to cover gaps in
299 their original draft. For example, one of the treaties
300 concerning the physical protection of nuclear materials
301 originally covered, only protection during the international
302 transport. And amendment to that treaty now requires
303 protecting domestic nuclear facilities and materials.

304 Acceptance of the underlying treaty benefits our country
305 in many ways. For instance, the parties to the underlying
306 treaties are required to criminalize certain acts committed
307 by persons who possess or use radioactive materials or
308 nuclear device. And parties are obligated to extradite or

309 prosecute alleged offenders. As they relate to maritime
310 terrorism, the underlying the treaties treat vessels and fix
311 maritime platforms as a potential means of covering terrorism
312 activity and not just as objects of terrorist activity.

313 Passing the legislation and ultimately ratifying the
314 underlying treaties will ensure that our country stays at the
315 forefront of the global counterterrorism and counter
316 proliferation efforts. The measures are consistent with our
317 domestic efforts to improve homeland security and better
318 international cooperation.

319 And I urge my colleagues to support the bill and yield
320 back the balance of my time.

321 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman.

322 And the chair now recognizes the ranking member of the
323 Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and
324 Investigations, the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Scott, for
325 his opening statement.

326 Mr. Scott. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

327 Mr. Chairman, the treaties referred to by the chairman,
328 ranking member, and chair of the subcommittee requires
329 specific provisions in the bill before these treaties can be
330 ratified, and the legislation has been fully described.

331 I just want to reemphasize what the ranking member has
332 indicated. The original proposal had extraneous materials in
333 it. Because of the cooperation from both sides of the aisle,
334 the legislation now only contains those provisions necessary
335 for the ratification of the treaties. And so I urge my
336 colleagues to support the legislation.

337 I yield back.

338 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman. Are there
339 any amendments?

340 Hearing none, a reporting quorum being present, the
341 question is on reporting the bill favorably to the House.

342 Those in favor, say aye?

343 Those opposed, no?

344 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported
345 favorably.

346 Members will have 2 days to submit views.

347 [The information follows:]

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349 Chairman Goodlatte. Pursuant to notice, I now call up
350 H.R. 258 for purposes of markup.

351 And the clerk will report the bill.

352 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 258, to amend Title 18, United
353 States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about
354 having received military declarations or medals.

355 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill will be
356 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

357 [The information follows:]

358

359 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing
360 myself and the ranking member for an opening statement.

361 In October 2009, the U.S. combat outpost, Keating, in
362 Afghanistan was attacked by more than 300 Taliban insurgents
363 bearing rocket propelled grenades, mortars, machine guns, and
364 other arms. After several hours of fighting, the Taliban
365 insurgents breached the compound and set fire to it.

366 Among the many heroes that day as Staff Sergeant Clinton
367 Romesha. During the battle in which U.S. troops were greatly
368 outnumbered, Staff Sergeant Romesha moved under heavy enemy
369 fire to seek reinforcements from nearby barracks, then
370 returned to battle where he took out an enemy machine gun
371 team. Staff Sergeant Romesha was struck in the hip, arm, and
372 neck by shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade while he
373 attempted to take out another enemy team.

374 Despite this injury, Romesha kept on fighting. He
375 exposed himself to additional enemy fire several times that
376 day as he destroyed enemy targets, including 3 Taliban
377 fighters who had breached the outpost. Romesha also directed
378 air support to destroy over 30 enemy fighters and pushed
379 forward under heavy fire to recover the bodies of fallen U.S.
380 soldiers.

381 Staff Sergeant Romesha's extraordinary efforts
382 ultimately helped to re-secure combat post Keating. His
383 actions, which exemplify the very highest levels of strength,
384 honor, valor, and dedication to both his country and his
385 fellow comrades, were recognized on February 11, 2013, when
386 he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

387 In 1861, Congress established the Medal of Honor to
388 recognize those like Staff Sergeant Romesha who have
389 distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry and
390 intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call
391 of duty.

392 Nearly a century ago, Congress made it a crime to wear,
393 manufacture, or sell military decorations or medals without
394 authorization. Despite this, the number of people
395 fraudulently claiming to be the recipient of military
396 decorations has increased in recent years. In my home State
397 of Virginia alone, over 600 residents falsely claimed on tax
398 forms to be recipients of the Medal of Honor in just 1 year,
399 even though at the time there were only living recipients in
400 Virginia, and 132 nationwide.

401 To address this increase in fraudulent claims, in 2006,
402 Congress enacted the Stolen Valor Act, which expands the

403 penalties for falsely representing oneself as a recipient of
404 any medal of honor authorized by Congress for the armed
405 services.

406 In June 2012, the Supreme Court in *U.S. v. Alvarez*, held
407 that the act inappropriately criminalized speech protected by
408 the First Amendment. The simple act of lying, even about
409 receipt of a military decoration, is by itself protected
410 speech. The Court did not that in periods of war and peace
411 alike, public recognition of valor and noble sacrifice by men
412 and women in uniform reinforces the pride and national
413 resolve the military relies upon to fulfill its mission.

414 The Court also acknowledged that false claims about
415 military decorations, such as the Medal of Honor, which has
416 been awarded fewer than 4,000 times since its creation in
417 1861, demean the high purpose of such awards. While this
418 harm does not overcome the high level of scrutiny afforded
419 protected speech, the Court did find that where false claims
420 are made to effect a fraud or secure monies or other valuable
421 considerations, say, offers of employment, it is well
422 established that the government may restrict speech without
423 affronting the First Amendment.

424 H.R. 258m, the Stolen Valor Act of 2013, clarifies the

425 law to prohibit people from falsely claiming to be a
426 recipient of the Medal of Honor and other military
427 decorations in order to carry out a fraud. This bill has
428 strong bipartisan support, and similar legislation was passed
429 by the House with overwhelming support last Congress.

430 I commend our colleague from Nevada, Mr. Heck, for his
431 leadership on this important issue, and I urge my colleagues
432 to join me in favorably reporting this bill from the
433 committee.

434 And at this time, I call upon the ranking member, the
435 gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Conyers, for his opening
436 statement.

437 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Chairman Goodlatte.

438 This is an important bill because it upholds the
439 integrity of military medals and decorations, as well as
440 corrects a constitutional flaw in a statute intended to
441 protect the integrity of these honors. Without question, all
442 who serve our Nation deserve to be honored, and those who
443 have gone beyond their peers in serving our Nation deserve
444 special recognition.

445 I am going to yield the rest of my time to my colleague
446 from Virginia, who has worked very hard on the bill, and

447 close by just saying that as a Korean veteran myself, I have
448 a particular interest and concern for this measure.

449 I yield now to the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Scott.

450 Mr. Scott. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank the ranking
451 member for yielding.

452 This legislation is an appropriately limited measure to
453 constitutionally prohibit anyone seeking money, property, or
454 other tangible benefit by fraudulently representing that they
455 have been awarded a U.S. military medal or decoration.

456 Our military personnel, as the chairman has indicated,
457 honor us with their sacrifices and with their service. Some
458 make the ultimate sacrifice, and there are not enough words
459 to thank them for what they do. When a member of our armed
460 services commits a particularly heroic act or engages in a
461 particularly dangerous course of action, we often award them
462 with a medal or decoration. They have earned that honor from
463 the commanding officers and from the American people.

464 When someone falsely claims to have been awarded such an
465 honor, they offend us. And several years ago we passed
466 legislation prohibiting such offensive false claims.
467 However, the Supreme Court reminded us that the First
468 Amendment protects even the most offensive speech.

469 Consistent with that protection, Justice Kennedy's majority
470 opinion in *U.S. v. Alvarez* found that the Stolen Valor Act
471 was constitutionally flawed, and he stated, "Though few may
472 find the respondent's statements anything but contemptible,
473 his right to make those statements is protected by the
474 Constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech and
475 expression."

476 However, Justice Kennedy gave us clear guidance on how
477 we could amend the statute, while respecting the First
478 Amendment. He said, "Where false claims are made to effect a
479 fraud or secure monies or other valuable considerations, such
480 as offers of employment, it is well established that the
481 government may restrict speech without affronting the First
482 Amendment." Pursuant to that specific guidance from the
483 majority opinion, this bill only applies to representations
484 which are fraudulent and made with the intent to obtain
485 tangible benefits.

486 I commend my colleagues in the majority for developing
487 the bill in consultation with the minority, which led to the
488 approval by voice vote in the committee last August and an
489 overwhelming vote on the floor last September.
490 Unfortunately, the Senate did not take up last year's bill,

491 and beginning a new Congress, we have to pass new legislation
492 for this Congress.

493 So I support this bill and urge my colleagues to approve
494 the bill.

495 I yield back.

496 Mr. Conyers. I yield.

497 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman.

498 Without objection, a statement for the record submitted
499 by Congressman Joe Heck, the sponsor of the legislation, will
500 be made a part of the record.

501 [The information follows:]

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503 Chairman Goodlatte. Are there any amendments to H.R.
504 258? The gentleman from California.

505 Mr. Issa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to strike the
506 last word.

507 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentleman is recognized for 5
508 minutes.

509 Mr. Issa. I will not take that long. Mr. Chairman, I
510 do not have any great awards, but correcting this for all of
511 us who have served in the military so that when someone makes
512 a claim and intends to gain as a result of that claim beyond
513 those who honestly served at a low level, a medium level, or
514 who gave the last full measure, in fact, is essential.

515 So I commend the chairman and the ranking member for
516 bringing this back. I would only say that we have a long
517 history in Congress. We have people who have risen to the
518 rank of congressman by claiming false valor. And that
519 represents exactly the kind of wrongdoing that I hope, in
520 fact, is contemplated by this bill, that a \$174,000 a year
521 salary and a title of honor would equally be covered under
522 this law. And I would yield to the chairman to see if that
523 is his understanding.

524 Chairman Goodlatte. That is indeed my understanding,

525 and I thank the gentleman for his observation.

526 Mr. Issa. Reclaiming my time, I thank you for this
527 important legislation and yield back.

528 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman. The
529 gentlewoman from Texas, for what purpose do you seek
530 recognition?

531 Ms. Jackson Lee. To ask unanimous consent to speak 2
532 minutes.

533 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentlewoman is recognized for 5
534 minutes.

535 Ms. Jackson Lee. To speak to this gentleman's bill, to
536 compliment the gentleman. But anyhow, I thank the chair for
537 recognizing, and I sort of associate myself with Mr. Issa on
538 the importance and the honor of these awards. We have had
539 stories of individuals representing to communities or using
540 it in reference to their promotion. And I really think that
541 this is worthy of acknowledging the hard work of Mr. Scott.

542 And I might also put on the record, Mr. Chairman, we do
543 not have jurisdiction over this issue. But I do hope the
544 appropriate jurisdictional committees can answer and put the
545 appropriate balance between those who are acting through
546 drones, which raises their own concerns, but to those who

547 have been in combat in a different format. I understand that
548 has raised concern.

549 And I just wanted to put on the record that I think
550 those who raise the concern are correct, and I hope that we
551 can appropriately address that question in a bipartisan
552 manner so that we can handle honor in the appropriate way
553 that I should be honored.

554 This is fixing an issue that I think should be fixed,
555 and the gentleman should be complicated. And I rise to
556 support the legislation.

557 I yield back.

558 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentlewoman.

559 Are there any amendments to H.R. 258?

560 A reporting quorum being present, the question is on
561 reporting the bill favorably to the House.

562 Those in favor will say aye?

563 Those opposed, no?

564 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported
565 favorably.

566 Members will have 2 days to submit views.

567 [The information follows:]

568

569 Chairman Goodlatte. This concludes our business today.

570 I want to thank all the members for the bipartisan work to
571 prepare and report these bills. And I thank all of you for
572 attending as well.

573 The meeting is adjourned.

574 [Whereupon, at 10:40 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]